AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CANCELED)

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A [[The]] covering device for a mounting recess in a cover strip of a vehicle roof ~~according to Claim 1~~, comprising an insertion part (1), which can be positioned in the cover strip (3), and a hinged cover (2), comprising bearing journals (6), shaped on both ends, said hinged cover being supported so it can pivot about an axis in a strip longitudinal direction, said hinged cover covering the recess (4) in a closed position, with the bearing journals supported in bearing shells (7) shaped on the insertion part (1), said bearing journals comprising catch pins (11) which can lock in an open position and the closed position ~~positions~~ by means of spring elements (12) which are shaped on the insertion part (1) and act on the catch pins (11), characterized in that the bearing journals (6) are shaped on the hinged cover (2) via a U-shaped element (5), said U-shaped element (5) being dimensioned such that an edge (8) of the recess (4) projects into an open space (9) of the element (5) in the open position, the bearing journals (6) face one another and are supported in a clamping manner in the bearing shells (7), and the catch pins (11) are arranged in an opposed direction, wherein said catch pins (11) work together with the spring elements (12).

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A [[The]] covering device for a mounting recess in a cover strip of a vehicle roof ~~according to Claim 1~~, comprising an insertion part (1), which can be positioned in the cover strip (3), and a hinged cover (2), comprising bearing journals (6), shaped on both ends, said hinged cover being supported so it can pivot about an axis in a strip longitudinal direction, said hinged cover covering the recess (4) in a closed position, with the bearing journals supported in bearing shells (7) shaped on the insertion part (1), said bearing journals comprising catch pins (11) which can lock in an open position and the closed position ~~positions~~ by means of spring elements (12) which are shaped on the insertion part (1) and act on the catch pins (11), characterized in that the bearing journals (6) are shaped on the hinged cover (2) via a U-shaped element (5), said U-shaped element (5) being dimensioned such that an edge (8) of the recess (4) projects into an open space (9) of the element (5) in the open position, and the bearing shells (7) comprise lateral stop walls (10), said lateral stop walls restrainedly positioning the bearing journals (6) in the strip longitudinal direction.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The covering device according to Claim 3, characterized in that the bearing journals (6) further comprise grooves (16), into which correspondingly shaped catch edges (15) on the spring elements (12) catch in the open and closed positions of the hinged cover (2).

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The covering device according to Claim 4, characterized in that the spring elements (12) are shaped as arc-shaped spring ribs (13) and

are formed at one end on the insertion part (1) and, at a second end point toward the catch pins (11), wherein the catch edges (15) are formed on a front side (14) of the second end.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering device of claim 8 [[6]], wherein said hinged cover is capable of pivoting more than 90° about said axis.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A [[The]] covering device for a mounting recess in a cover strip ~~of claim 6~~, comprising:

an insertion part, said insertion part being capable of coupling with said cover strip, and

a hinged cover, said hinged cover being hinged with said insertion part by means of at least one bearing journal on said hinged cover coupling with at least one bearing shell on said insertion part, wherein:

said hinged cover is capable of pivoting about an axis in a strip longitudinal direction,

said hinged cover is capable of covering said mounting recess in a closed position,

said at least one bearing journal comprises at least one catch face, said at least one catch face being capable of interacting with a spring element so as to lock said hinged cover in an open position and said closed position, and

an opening is defined between said hinged cover and said at least one bearing journal, said opening being capable of receiving an edge of said insertion part in said open position, wherein said at least one bearing journal further comprises at least one lateral stop wall, said lateral stop wall being capable of positioning said at least one bearing journal within said at least one bearing shell.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering device of claim 8 [[6]], wherein said spring element is formed on said insertion part.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering device of claim 8 [[6]], wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one support rib, said support rib being capable of supporting said hinged cover in said closed position.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering device of claim 8 [[6]], wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one hook, said at least one hook being capable of restraining said insertion part within said cover strip.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The covering device of claim 11, wherein said hinged cover is capable of pivoting more than 90° about said axis.

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15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering device of claim 9 [[14]], wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one support rib, said support rib being capable of supporting said hinged cover in said closed position.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering device of claim 8 [[6]], wherein said at least one catch face comprises a pair of catch faces, a first of said pair of catch faces being capable of interacting with said spring element so as to lock ~~inhibit movement of~~ said hinged cover in said open position, and a second of said pair of catch faces being capable of interacting with said spring element so as to lock ~~inhibit movement of~~ said hinged cover in said closed position.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said spring element is formed on said insertion part.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one support rib, said support rib being capable of supporting said hinged cover in said closed position.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one hook, said at least one hook being capable of restraining said insertion part within said cover strip.

20. (CANCELED)

21. (NEW) The covering device according to Claim 2, characterized in that the bearing journals (6) further comprise grooves (16), into which correspondingly shaped catch edges (15) on the spring elements (12) catch in the open and closed positions of the hinged cover (2).

22. (NEW)The covering device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the spring elements (12) are shaped as arc-shaped spring ribs (13) and are formed at one end on the insertion part (1) and, at a second end point toward the catch pins (11), wherein the catch edges (15) are formed on a front side (14) of the second end.